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## A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to education technology, including the creation  
2 of an Iowa learning technology commission and pilot programs,  
3 and the establishment of a research triangle and  
4 clearinghouse, and providing for contingent effectiveness.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 1 Section 1. Section 262.9, Code 2005, is amended by adding  
1 2 the following new subsection:  
1 3 NEW SUBSECTION. 31. Establish a research triangle,  
1 4 defined by the three institutions of higher learning under the  
1 5 board's control, and clearinghouse for purposes of sharing the  
1 6 projects and results of kindergarten through grade twelve  
1 7 education technology initiatives occurring in Iowa's school  
1 8 districts, area education agencies, community colleges, and  
1 9 other higher education institutions, with the education  
1 10 community within and outside of the state. Dissemination of  
1 11 and access to information regarding planning, financing,  
1 12 curriculum, professional development, preservice training,  
1 13 project implementation strategies, and results shall be  
1 14 centralized to allow school districts from across the state to  
1 15 gain ideas from each other regarding the integration of  
1 16 technology in the classroom.

1 17 Sec. 2. Section 280A.1, Code 2005, is amended by adding  
1 18 the following new unnumbered paragraph:

1 19 NEW UNNUMBERED PARAGRAPH. Public and private partners  
1 20 shall participate in the development of the planning,  
1 21 implementation, and outcomes for the initiative.

1 22 Sec. 3. NEW SECTION. 280A.2 IOWA LEARNING TECHNOLOGY  
1 23 COMMISSION == MEMBERS.

1 24 1. COMMISSION CREATED. An Iowa learning technology  
1 25 commission is created to administer the Iowa learning  
1 26 technology initiative, including creation of pilot programs  
1 27 pursuant to section 280A.4, to be implemented through local  
1 28 and public-private partnerships, that may include but shall  
1 29 not be limited to, use of one-to-one student learning  
1 30 technology.

1 31 2. MEMBERS. The commission shall initially be appointed  
1 32 no later than July 1, 2005, and shall consist of members  
1 33 appointed as follows:

1 34 a. Seven voting members who shall be members of the  
1 35 general public and shall be appointed as follows:

2 1 (1) Two members shall be appointed by the president of the  
2 2 senate.

2 3 (2) One member shall be appointed by the minority leader  
2 4 of the senate.

2 5 (3) Two members shall be appointed by the speaker of the  
2 6 house of representatives.

2 7 (4) One member shall be appointed by the minority leader  
2 8 of the house of representatives.

2 9 (5) One member who is the chairperson of the state board  
2 10 of education or the chairperson's designee.

2 11 b. Ex officio, nonvoting members as follows:

2 12 (1) The members of the state board of education technology  
2 13 advisory committee.

2 14 (2) One member who is a member of the senate shall be  
2 15 appointed by the president of the senate.

2 16 (3) One member who is a member of the senate shall be

2 17 appointed by the minority leader of the senate.  
2 18 (4) One member who is a member of the house of  
2 19 representatives shall be appointed by the speaker of the house  
2 20 of representatives.  
2 21 (5) One member who is a member of the house of  
2 22 representatives shall be appointed by the minority leader of  
2 23 the house of representatives.  
2 24 3. EXPERIENCE AND SPECIAL KNOWLEDGE. In appointing  
2 25 members to the commission, proper consideration shall be given  
2 26 to persons with experience or special knowledge in one or more  
2 27 of the following areas: education, including curriculum and  
2 28 content; business; economic development; technology; and  
2 29 finance.  
2 30 4. BALANCE. Commission members shall be appointed in  
2 31 compliance with sections 69.16 and 69.16A. Appointments of  
2 32 public members shall be made to provide broad representation  
2 33 of the various geographical areas of the state insofar as  
2 34 possible.  
2 35 5. CHAIRPERSONS. The commission shall elect a chairperson  
3 1 and a vice chairperson annually from among the voting members  
3 2 of the commission. A member shall not serve as a chairperson  
3 3 or vice chairperson for more than three consecutive years.  
3 4 6. MEETINGS. The commission shall meet at least three  
3 5 times each year.  
3 6 7. QUORUM. A majority of the voting members constitutes a  
3 7 quorum for the transaction of any official business.  
3 8 8. TERMS OF MEMBERS. The members shall be appointed to  
3 9 three-year staggered terms and the terms shall commence and  
3 10 end as provided by section 69.19. If a vacancy occurs, a  
3 11 successor shall be appointed to serve the unexpired term. A  
3 12 successor shall be appointed in the same manner and subject to  
3 13 the same qualifications as the original appointment to serve  
3 14 the unexpired term.  
3 15 9. EXPENSES. Members of the commission are entitled to  
3 16 receive reimbursement for actual expenses incurred while  
3 17 engaged in the performance of official duties from funds  
3 18 appropriated to the department of education for that purpose,  
3 19 except that legislators' expenses shall be paid from funds  
3 20 appropriated by section 2.12.  
3 21 Sec. 4. NEW SECTION. 280A.3 COMMISSION DUTIES.  
3 22 The commission shall:  
3 23 1. Develop and administer the Iowa learning technology  
3 24 pilot programs in accordance with section 280A.4. The  
3 25 commission shall determine application and selection  
3 26 processes, and the minimum requirements for selection of pilot  
3 27 program participants.  
3 28 2. Develop an accurate assessment of the current status of  
3 29 technology in Iowa's public school classrooms supported by  
3 30 reliable data. Data collected and assessed shall include the  
3 31 number of computers and their appropriate corresponding use;  
3 32 the costs for hardware, software, staff development,  
3 33 instructional staff, and technology support staff; sources of  
3 34 funds used for school district technology budgets; and an  
3 35 inventory of technology-based kindergarten through grade  
4 1 twelve curricula.  
4 2 3. Identify and gather data, in collaboration with the  
4 3 department of education, to determine the current public,  
4 4 private, federal, state, community college, and local revenue  
4 5 sources used for kindergarten through grade twelve educational  
4 6 technology at the school district, area education agency, and  
4 7 state levels.  
4 8 4. Submit the data assessed determined pursuant to  
4 9 subsections 2 and 3 in a report to the house and senate  
4 10 standing education committees and the joint subcommittee on  
4 11 education appropriations of the general assembly by January  
4 12 15, 2006.  
4 13 Sec. 5. NEW SECTION. 280A.4 PILOT PROGRAMS.  
4 14 1. The Iowa learning technology commission created in  
4 15 section 280A.2 shall develop and administer the Iowa learning  
4 16 technology pilot programs to encourage innovation, increase  
4 17 student achievement, and ensure that technology is used on the  
4 18 basis of best practices. The pilot programs should be  
4 19 designed to obtain valid and reliable evidence of the impact  
4 20 on student engagement and achievement from the use of  
4 21 technology, which may include but not be limited to a "one=  
4 22 to=one" initiative; further demonstrate successful district=  
4 23 to=vendor relationships and possibilities; provide for  
4 24 development of individual education plans for students;  
4 25 identify local district educational and fiscal planning and  
4 26 implementation strategies; and gain a better understanding of  
4 27 the current status of technology in Iowa schools. The goal

4 28 for each pilot program is to provide results and additional  
4 29 information necessary for the general assembly to consider  
4 30 implementation of a statewide technology initiative. The  
4 31 commission shall make the final determination regarding pilot  
4 32 program grant awards, and shall notify the department of  
4 33 education of the amount of the grant amount to be awarded to a  
4 34 school district. From moneys appropriated to the department  
4 35 of education for purposes of the pilot programs, each pilot  
5 1 program shall consist of state-funded competitive grants to  
5 2 Iowa school districts that are matched locally with public or  
5 3 private, federal, state, or local financing as determined by  
5 4 the applicant school district. Administrative support and  
5 5 staffing shall be provided by the department of education.

5 6 2. Each pilot program shall be consistent with the  
5 7 following guiding principles:

5 8 a. FOCUS ON INCREASING STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT OPPORTUNITIES  
5 9 THROUGH QUALITY TEACHING AND LEARNING. The focus on student  
5 10 achievement should include identification of the age and  
5 11 developmentally appropriate use of educational technology that  
5 12 will engage the learner and result in improved student  
5 13 achievement opportunities.

5 14 b. PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT. Quality, ongoing  
5 15 professional development shall be provided, including best  
5 16 practices in the effective use of technology in the classroom.

5 17 c. CURRICULUM AND ASSESSMENT. Students' technology skills  
5 18 shall be integrated into the curriculum and assessed through  
5 19 the demonstration of learning within content areas.

5 20 d. EQUITABLE ACCESS. Grant awards under the pilot program  
5 21 shall be distributed to school districts that meet the  
5 22 selection requirements established by the commission in a  
5 23 manner that ensures that students throughout the state have  
5 24 equitable access to education opportunities offered via the  
5 25 use of technology and telecommunications.

5 26 e. EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGY PLANNING. Due consideration  
5 27 shall be given to future sustainability of learning technology  
5 28 resources by adapting to future educational needs and  
5 29 technology changes and by avoiding obsolescence of learning  
5 30 technology resources.

5 31 f. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. Grant moneys should be  
5 32 distributed in such a manner as to foster economic development  
5 33 across all regions of the state and to prepare students for an  
5 34 economy that embraces technology and innovation.

5 35 g. ACCOUNTABILITY. The pilot program shall include  
6 1 methods of measuring progress in the areas of increased  
6 2 student engagement; decreased disciplinary problems; increased  
6 3 use of computers for writing, analysis, and research; movement  
6 4 toward student-centered classrooms; increased parental  
6 5 involvement; and increased standardized test scores.

6 6 Sec. 6. NEW SECTION. 280A.5 FUTURE REPEAL.

6 7 This chapter is repealed effective July 1, 2011.

6 8 Sec. 7. CONTINGENT EFFECTIVENESS. The sections of this  
6 9 Act creating new Code chapter 280A take effect only if the  
6 10 general assembly appropriates funds for the fiscal year  
6 11 beginning July 1, 2005, in an amount sufficient to implement  
6 12 the provisions of Code chapter 280A, if enacted.

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